

**Unity manifested by love
I Peter 3:8-12**

I. The manifestation of unity . I Peter 3:8

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

A. Unity starts with oneness of mind (8a)

B. Unity has four legs to stand on (8b)

1. Compassion

2. Love as brothers and sisters

3. Tenderheartedness

4. Courteous

II. The response to disunity I Peter 3:9-11

A. Don't reciprocate evil (9)

9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

B. Love with words and deeds to disarm disunity (10,11)

10 For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

III. The Lord's response to unity and disunity I Peter 3:12

A. Eyes are on the righteous

12 For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,

B. Ears are attentive to prayer of the righteous

And His ears are open to their prayers;

C. Face is against the unrighteous

But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

Conclusion

1. Unity is manifested by being of one mind.
2. Love needs to be manifested in response to disunity.
3. The Lord blesses the righteous and disapproves of the unrighteous.